21 *st February* COURT NEWS

My Lord of Essex still Leepeth his chamber, yet is he not believed to be sick There is not a day passes that the Queen sends not often to see him, and himself goeth privately unto her He grveth out very confidently that he will go into Wales, where his own land lies, to view it and see his friends Sir Robert Cecil is now in greatest credit, the Queen passing the most part of the day in pnvate and secret conference with him

2^th February SIR THOMAS BASKERVILLE'S SOLDIERS

The soldiers with Sir Thomas Baskerville are now at St Valenes, their bands being weakened with the number fallen sick so that of late at a mustering there were foand to be sicl 300 and odd, but only fifty-seven missing All their apparel is -worn out, the bareness thereof in this wild, cold, and wasted country being a principal cause of their sickness

25^ *February* THE LORD ^MAYOR REBUKED

The Lord Mayor is rebuked for the great slackness in the execution of the orders for the restraint of killing and eating of flesh in Lent$_3$ and especially during this dearth , - which abuse is made known to the Coancil not only by the information of some few but almost every man in the Citj is an eyewitness to it

4/A *March** COURT NEW s.

The Lord Treasurer is not well, and in this sharp weather keeps in Sir Walter Ralegh hath been very often pnvate with the Earl of Essex and is said to be a mediator of peace between him and Sir Robert Cecil, who likewise hath been pm ate with him Sir Walter allegeth that much good may grow by it, her Majesty's continual unquietness will turn to contentment, despatches for all matters of war and peace for

the safety of the land will go forward to the hurt oi the common enemies

The Earl, weaned with not knowing how to please, is not unwilling to hearken to these motions made to him for the public good* He purposeth in three days' time, by her Maj esty*s leave, for some twenty days to go towards Wigmore Castle and so to Raglan